

**New Mexico School for the Arts**  
**Head of School Report: January 2019**  
**Report by Eric Crites**

*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

**Kudos**

**Scholastic Visual Arts Award Winners**

From Karina Hean: *Please join me in congratulating these four award-winning Visual Arts students! All awards were for specific artworks, with the exception of Henry Joyce, whose portfolio won a Silver Key.*

- Henry Joyce, 12th - Silver Key - Portfolio
- Emma Goodman, 12th - 4 Gold Keys and an Nomination for American Visions Award, & Silver Key
- Ligaia Meyer, 12th - 2 Gold Keys, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention
- Artemisio Romero y Carver, 10th - Gold Key

**Charter Renewal**

The Public Education Commission voted 7-0 to grant New Mexico School for the Arts a five-year charter renewal with no conditions. Thank you to Dr. Kaplan, Sen. Nava, Cindy Montoya, Chelamia Quintana, Karen Ehlert, Cecile Hemez, student Jayden Chavez, parent Russ Rountree, Stephanie Kirchhoffer, Gayle McGuinness, and the many others who contributed to the renewal process that resulted in this positive outcome.

**School Lunch Program**

The school lunch program's operating cost for December was \$383.04. Overall, the running operating cost for the program year-to-date is \$1,116.47.

**Evaluation**

The first round of NMTeach observations/evaluations were completed and submitted by NMPED's December 21 deadline. Teachers will be evaluated on Domains 1 and 4 beginning this month.

**Assessment**

- During the January 7 inservice, teachers analyzed the results of quarter 2 interim assessments and used those analyses to inform teaching plans.
- Three students will take the WIDA Access assessment in January.
- Students requiring a re-take of an End of Course exam to meet graduation requirements will do so during January.
- The most recent guidance from NMPED is that assessments in English language arts and math will be given in shortened forms using PARCC questions during the originally scheduled April testing window. SBA Science will be taken by juniors in March, as planned.

**Safety**

- The POMS & Associates active shooter training scheduled during inservice on November 12 was canceled due to a snow day. The training is rescheduled for January 30.

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**Collaboration**

Following November's Collaboration Day, the Student Advisory Board--in conjunction with Mr. Sisneros's 10th grade visual arts class--is working on a collaborative time capsule for our new campus.

**Wellness**

- The counseling department will be providing training on sexual consent to student in grades 10-12 (students in grade 9 received training on this topic through their health class). Students in grade 12 will take a training with Resolve NM called Courageous and College-Bound.
- Staff received annual training on the needs of transgender students from Adrien Lawyer of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico.

**Excellent Schools New Mexico**

Eric Crites, Cindy Montoya, Chelamia Quintana, Denise Hinson, and Cynthia Nava are participating in a school innovation initiative with Transcend Collaborative, sponsored by Excellent Schools New Mexico. They will participate in three two-day sessions during the winter and spring (in Santa Fe, Denver, and Albuquerque).

**Facility Updates**

While all spaces that were damaged by flooding have been returned to use, there is one ongoing repair in one of the offices. Henry Baca and Ismael Martinez have been diligently removing snow from the parking lot and sidewalks following recent snowstorms. After winter break, a broken transistor had to be replaced in order to restore heat to all rooms.